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Our Case No.: 659-877

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sanders et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,506

Filing Date: September 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE
ABSORBENT GARMENTS

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent No.	Issue Date	Patentee
5,562,790	10/1996	Ehlert et al.

OTHER ART

1. U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/002,020, entitled "Personal Care Article Having a Stretch Outer Cover and Non-Stretch Grasping Panels," filed December 31, 1997 (KC 12,221)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

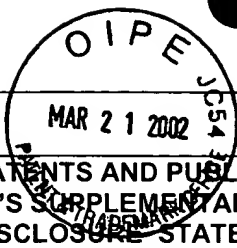
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew D. Stover', written over a horizontal line.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B1	5,562,790	10/1996	Ehlert et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/877
Serial No. 09/954,506	Filing Date September 14, 2001	Examiner To be assigned	Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) Sanders et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT GARMENTS			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; 2 cited references and return postcard.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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